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### OUR INDEBTEDNESS TO THE BRITISH.

Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, has discovered that his statement to the effect that the United States owes the British \$5,000,000,000, was misunderstood by the papers of this country, as the indebtedness was taken to be a floating obligation, subject to immediate call instead of all forms of British credits in this country, including fixed investments.

The Standard was not misled by the original announcement and at the time commented on the announcement as referring to our obligations of every nature and estimated the yearly interest charges and dividends derived therefrom at close to \$200,000,000, and presented the figures as an explanation why this country had continued as a debtor nation, although our foreign balance of trade had totaled at least five billion dollars in the past 15 years.

### OUR INVENTIONS IN THIS WAR.

Last week the Standard referred to the fact that American inventive genius was manifested in the European war and now George Otis Smith, director of the United States geological survey, makes the same comment, saying that in any estimate of American ability to make the most of the present opportunities for industrial expansion, no better measure of the inventive genius of this country can perhaps be found than in a moment's review of what is making the European war so terrible. Strictly neutral may we be, yet from the heights above to the depths below we find American inventions at the front—the aeroplane, the magazine rifle and machine gun, the barbed wire, and the submarine and its torpedo.

Mr. Smith puts the question: "Can not our nation lead as well in fashioning the tools of peace as in designing the machines of war?"

### ENGLAND'S SOURCE OF STRENGTH.

How England, with its comparatively small land area and limited resources, has been able to reach her present position of greatness, is explained by Dr. Roland G. Usher as due to the isolation of the island.

"We must not lose sight of the fact," says Dr. Usher, "that the strategic geography of Europe has given the English advantages of position which were more important in the past than great armies; that the English channel was, in the days of sailing ships, a more effective barrier against invasion than any army could have been. The strategic importance of Belgium and Holland, too, vital to England, was very fortunately also vital to Germany and France. The English have never, single-handed, been able to keep either France or Germany out of those countries in time of war; but they have, some how or other, always managed to play off

France against Germany, or Germany against France, and in the long run keep them both out of Belgium and Holland. England has protected herself by arousing the fear of others, and it must be admitted that Germany in Belgium threatens Paris a good deal more effectively than she does London, and that Louis XVI in Holland was even more distasteful to the German states on the Rhine than he was to the English."

Dr. Usher calls attention to the fact that "England has never known, since William the Norman harried Yorkshire, such ravaging by armies and consequent economic loss as continued in Europe for centuries. In the long run England became proportionately richer than larger countries with much more extensive natural resources which were decimated by war. Neither extraordinary diligence nor skill needs to be brought forward as the explanation of the beginning of England's capital fund. It was by that most unusual but simplest of all things—saving."

While England was free from the ravages of an invading warfare, Germany was being literally eaten up by such conflicts as the Thirty Years' war. In order to rest secure from attack by the more powerful land empires on the neighboring continent, it was necessary for England to dominate the channel with its fleet. This domination was established beyond question by the English defeat of the Spanish armada. But, Dr. Usher explains, in obtaining control of the channel, the English also found themselves dominating the overseas commerce of the nations of Europe. The English channel was the needle's eye which all ships had to thread that sailed from French, Belgium, Dutch or German ports upon the channel and the North sea. The dangers of the seaway along the western coast of the British Isles make it impracticable even for the powerful ships of the present day.

Among the essentials of national strength, Dr. Usher enumerates those of territorial unity, or natural state boundaries; a racial unity, or a consciousness of the citizenry that they are one people; a religious unity, which, in the case of England, consists in a broad, workable toleration of individual beliefs; patriotism, or the consciousness of the people of common aims and purposes, and a unity of administration, or a condition where an overwhelming majority of the people are so well satisfied with the form of government as to desire no radical change. All of these various elements entering into national strength, according to Dr. Usher, were achieved by England centuries earlier than by any of the modern peoples of continental Europe.

### WILL HELP THE POOR AT HOME.

The Standard has been requested by the "Belgian Relief Fund" to aid in raising a fund to be applied by that organization to the work of preventing famine in Belgium.

This is the third appeal of that nature received at this office. The first, the "Christmas Dollar Fund," was accepted and The Standard opened a subscription list for that purpose, which will close on Saturday evening, December 5, when the money received will be forwarded to Henry Clews and from which we expect an acknowledgment that will appear in these columns as soon as received.

But this, for the time being, will end our activities in that cause, as there are other organizations in Og-

den employed in gathering funds for the same purpose.

While there is poverty among people in this community, we feel that our first duty is to our own and our effort for the present will be in that direction.

This does not mean, of course, that we fail to recognize the force and justice of the appeal that comes from across the ocean in behalf of a people rendered helpless by the horrors of war. When Ogden has properly responded to the cry of distress at home, and there is a surplus, our hope is that whatever we have to spare will go to help ameliorate the sufferings of the Belgians, particularly the heartaches of the women and children who are on the verge of starvation.

### FREE TRADE COMMANDMENTS OF THE GERMANS.

We copy from the Logan Journal, the leading Democratic paper of the state, the following editorial on "America's Opportunity."

From the blood stained fields of the great European war, where men have been slain thousands of skilled workmen. From the blackened ruins of mills, factories and workshops where once they were employed. Out of the general disintegration of nearly every manufacturing industry in the fields most affected, comes America's great manufacturing and economic opportunity. If she will but stretch forth her hands to seize it.

Since the Franco-Prussian war which closed in 1870, Germany, whose manufactures were at that time in considerable growth to be one of the greatest manufacturing nations in the world, if, indeed, it had not reached the head; and its manufactures and foreign commerce kept pace with the growth of its army and navy, and the same class of efficiency has been manifested in both directions. Before Germany became an exporter, however, its manufacturers sought perseveringly to convince and capture the home trade. The announcement upon almost every manufactured article, "made in Germany," became the national shibboleth. Millions of copies of the following ten trade commandments were circulated throughout the empire:

1. In all expenses keep in mind the interest of your own compatriots.
  2. Never forget that when you buy a foreign article your own country is the poorer.
  3. Your money should profit no one, but Germans.
  4. Never profane German factories by using foreign machinery.
  5. Never allow foreign eatables to be served at your table.
  6. Write on German paper with a German pen and use German blotting paper.
  7. German flour, German fruit and German beer can alone give your body the true German energy.
  8. If you do not like German malt coffee, drink coffee from German colonies.
  9. Use only German clothes for your dress and German hats for your head.
  10. Let no foreign flattery distract you from these precepts and be firmly convinced, whatever others say, that German products are the only ones worthy of citizens of the German Fatherland.
- And it may be said the people lived up to them.
- Manufacturing industries, as we have said, are paralyzed. It will take years to restore them, and America's great opportunity is to "beat them to it." If the same class of loyalty to home manufactures could be built up in the United States that they have had in Germany, every able-bodied willing man could find work.
- Another advantage we believe will accrue through the war, is that our own people will now be willing to listen to the slogan, "See America First"; as Europe has lost many of its charms.

There is good advice in the foregoing, but the article is not complete without reference to the fact that

much of Germany's industrial and commercial triumph has been obtained by copying the American policy of applying a protective tariff, in fact the whole spirit of the ten trade commandments is that of the Republican doctrine of retaining the home market for the home manufacturer.

There could be no more impressive argument as to the correctness of the Republican protective tariff than is offered by this recital of Germany's upward course from an inferior place as a manufacturing country to first position.

During the next campaign the Standard will call on the Cache County organ of Democracy to reproduce this story of German trade ascendancy.

### HUSH, LITTLE BAR-ROOM, DON'T YOU CRY.

Congress has under consideration the Harrison anti-narcotic bill which proposes to license druggists and others as dealers in narcotic drugs, and a circular issued by the United States public health service suggests that this law will establish a precedent that should make it easy for retail druggists to secure an extension of the classification and provide for a class of dealers in alcohol and narcotic drugs, with the requirement that dealers in this class keep a record sufficient to show the amount of alcohol or alcohol containing drugs purchased.

As explained, a provision of this kind would serve to locate all dealers in alcohol and alcoholic liquors for medicinal or mechanical purposes, would suffice to class them apart from dealers selling alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes, would practically preclude the sale of alcohol for beverage purposes under the guise of medicine and would afford to officials in prohibition or local option territory an opportunity to enforce this type of legislation in a way hitherto impossible.

According to the health reports issued by the United States public health service the sale of alcoholic beverages in some of the so-called drug stores in prohibition or local option territory has for many years been recognized as one of the more objectionable abuses growing out of attempts to circumvent prohibition legislation. The harm done by the surreptitious sale of liquors in these so-called drug stores has long been considered to be a disgrace to the drug business generally. No class of men appreciate more than retail druggists themselves the objectionable possibilities suggested by the frequently quoted doggerel:

"Hush, little bar-room, don't you cry, You will be a drug store by and-by."

Reputable members of the drug trade have frequently discussed ways and means for eliminating the drug store saloon but their efforts have usually failed as the requirements of the federal internal revenue laws virtually make those who desire to sell alcohol or alcoholic beverages for medicinal or mechanical purposes pay the regular retail liquor dealer's tax and be classed as such.

## GOV. AMMONS IS A WITNESS

Colorado Executive Outlines His Attitude Toward Coal Miners' Strike at Hearing.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 2.—The past, present and future of Colorado's executive attitude toward the coal miners' strike, was told before the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations at the initial session of its eleven days' hearing in the senate chamber at the state house today.

For the first time Governor E. M. Ammons, appeared as a witness in a public investigation of the strike conflict. In a lengthy statement he outlined his attitude, past and present, toward the contentions of the operators and strikers. He was a volunteer witness. By consent of the commission his testimony was a prepared statement.

The future attitude of Colorado's executive, again in a statement by Colorado's future executive, Governor-elect George A. Carlson, followed. Governor-elect Carlson was to be followed by John G. Osgood, chairman of the board of directors of the Victor American Fuel company; James H. Blood, a former mine operator and John McLennan, president of the State Federation of Labor and president of District 15, United Mine Workers of America.

Chairman Walsh Opens Hearing. With the exceptions of Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, James O'Connell, and the successor to Frederick Delano, all of the commissioners were present when Chairman Frank P. Walsh, formally opened the first session of the hearing.

Chairman Walsh and John R. Commons, the former a lawyer and the latter a professor of economics at the University of Wisconsin, authors of the law under which the industrial commission of Wisconsin is working, were appointed to represent the general public. Harris Weinstein and S. Thurston Ballard, to represent the employers of labor and John B. Lennon, James O'Connell and A. B. Garretson are the representatives of organized labor.

To Settle Ohio Strike. Cleveland, O., Dec. 2.—Efforts to settle the strike of 15,000 eastern Ohio coal miners, which was begun eight months ago, were to be made here today at a conference between representatives of the miners and op-

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## EUROPE NOT YET READY FOR PEACE

Washington, Dec. 2.—Henry White, former ambassador to France and who recently returned from Germany, discussed the European situation today

with President Wilson. "Europe is not ready for peace yet," said Mr. White. "There is not the slightest chance at present of getting a hearing for suggestions of peace. That time will come later and then it will be time for the United States to act."

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## BAD TEETH CAUSE OF ILL HEALTH

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 2.—Bad teeth cause one of the most serious health problems of the day, according to Harvey W. Wiley of Washington, D. C., who discussed that subject here today in an address before the public health session. A joint session was held with the National Mouth Hygiene association, of which Dr. Wiley is president. The speaker submitted figures showing that out of 10,230 school children examined in Washington, more than nine thousand had teeth which required treatment. Methods of dealing with the drug evil will be discussed at tonight's session of the convention.

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